

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 7, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. TURPIE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5517.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill granting a pension to Susan Young, widow of Samuel Young, deceased, late captain of independent scouts of West Virginia, have examined the same and report:

That, from the facts stated in the House report, which is hereto attached, approved, and made a part hereof, we are of the opinion that this is a meritorious claim and recommend the passage of the bill.

HOUSE REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5517) granting a pension to Susan Young, submit the following report:

Susan Young is the widow of Samuel Young, who was commissioned by the State of West Virginia as captain in the Pocahontas County State Guards August 29, 1864, joined for service September 1, 1864, and discharged June 10, 1865. About the 23d of October, 1864, with twenty-eight or thirty men, on a scout in the enemy's country at or near Oldfield Fork of Elk, Virginia, he received a pistol-shot wound in his hand. The enemy was believed to be present or in near neighborhood. After dark an alarm occurred and there was considerable confusion and firing by claimant's men. The testimony of comrades shows that he was shot; that he was acting, as he believed, against the enemy. None were seen, but that he was shot as aforesaid at the time.

There is further testimony from William Orvens, M. D., late acting assistant surgeon, U. S. A., that Rev. Samuel Young called on him for consultation about an injury to his hand, which he stated was received while in the service:

"It presented the peculiar appearance of elevated erratic edges or pouting of the margins of the ulcer. It suggested the presence of some foreign body in the wound, which it was recommended should be removed by an operation. This he declined, saying his physician at home could do that. I have learned Mr. Young died a year or two later of cancerous affection arising in connection with his wound."

Dr. J. W. Ely says:

"I also lived a neighbor to him for about three years. I knew he was afflicted with a very sore hand, and I also observed his physical condition was very much impaired. I made a careful examination of his hand on October 13, 1884, which I found to be malignant cancer caused by a gun-shot wound during the late am. I am confident that the cancer was caused from the wound, etc. I treated Rev. Mr. Young after October 13, 1884, until his death."

Mr. Young died November 2, 1885.

Your committee recommend the passage of the bill.